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2026 SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR'S AG AMBASSADOR AWARD NOMINATION

Governor Larry Rhoden is pleased to recognize an individual or organization making a positive contribution to South Dakota's agricultural industry.

South Dakotans have long valued servant leadership, hard work, honesty, humility, and respect for others. This award recognizes a South Dakota citizen or organization who embodies these qualities.

The Governor's Ag Ambassador Award recipient will be recognized at the Governor's Agricultural Summit in June 2026.

Key Achievements of the Governor's Ag Ambassador:

- Provides visionary leadership to South Dakota's agricultural industry.
- Champions growth and prosperity of the state's number one industry.
- Advocates for agriculture and responsible stewardship of livestock and land.
- Highlights the significance of South Dakota agriculture to our global food system.
- Influences decision makers to develop and implement sound agricultural policies.

Nominations are due to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources by March 13, 2026. Please mail nomination to the address below. To email your nomination, please send the form to DANRmail@state.sd.us.

South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

ATTN: Ag Ambassador Award Nomination, Office of the Secretary
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If you have any questions, please call Brian Faris at (605) 773-5559.



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2026 Governor's Ag Ambassador Award Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Nominee's Contact (Name, Phone, Email): _____

Nominator (person/organization making the nomination, as well as their contact information): _____

Key Achievements of the Nominee

Please answer the following questions in detail. If more space is needed, you may attach additional pages.

#1 (of 5). What agricultural opportunities has the nominee created or supported for South Dakota?



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#2 (of 5). How has this nominee advocated for modern agricultural practices and promoted responsible stewardship of livestock and land?

#3 (of 5). How has the nominee highlighted the significance of South Dakota agriculture to our global food system?



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#4 (of 5). How has this nominee influenced decisions makers for the benefit of South Dakota agriculture?

#5 (of 5). Overall, please explain why this individual deserves to be selected for the Governor's Ag Ambassador award.